

# EDWARD WATERS COLLEGE



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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski, Commissioners Baker, Clyburn, Copps and McDowell:

As President of Edward Waters College, a private, historically black institution. I am writing you to express my support for the recently released FCC National Broadband Plan. The plan as presented is designed to ensure that every American has affordable access to Broadband. As an educator, I believe that all Americans deserve the opportunity to succeed in the digital world, which is the keystone of our children's future.

As the plan states, the foundation for job creation and economic growth is dependent on the wide spread deployment of affordable Broadband services. The goals of the National Broadband Plan are to provide Americans with the opportunity to develop the necessary skills that will enable them to successfully function in our global economy. I can't think of any one thing in recent memory that has had a more positive impact on how we educate our youth and prepare them to be contributing members of society.

The integration of Broadband and the services it delivers has impacted almost every facet of our daily lives. These services provide students with the capability to access information quicker and more efficiently, but as the plan points out, there is a deficiency of digital educational content and more needs to be done.

Despite the fact that the number of Americans with Broadband continues to grow, some think that there must be new controls or regulations placed on Broadband services and the Internet. It is important at this critical time to remember how the internet and our Broadband market developed and to advocate for policies that encourage competition that will benefit all consumers. Let's not forget, this phenomenal creation has delivered intense competition in segments of the economy that just 20 years ago was thought impossible.

The National Broadband Plan is a good blueprint for action. The Internet through competitive private investment, innovation, imagination and inspiration has created opportunities for my students to develop the digital literacy skills that will help them realize the dream of opportunity and prosperity that is the promise our country makes to our youth.

Respectfully,

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